

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of TIFFANY OLIVIA LYNN MILES,
LORE'AL CARTIER MILES, and MARGERE'
ANNE LAURA MILES, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner - Appellee,

v

SHARONDA MICHELLE BEAVERS, a/k/a
SHARONDA BEAVERS,

Respondent,

and

JEFFREY MILES,

Respondent-Appellant.

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No. 220346

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 95-335608

Before: Gribbs, P.J., and Neff and O'Connell, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-father ("respondent") appeals as of right a family court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g), and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b) (3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm.

Only one statutory ground is required to terminate parental rights. *In re Huisman*, 230 Mich App 372, 384-385; 584 NW2d 349 (1998), overruled in part on other grounds, *In re Trejo*, ___ Mich ___; ___ NW2d ___ (Docket No. 112528, issued 7/5/00), slip op pp 12-13, n 10. The family court did not clearly err in finding that termination under either subsection 3(c)(i) or subsection 3(j) was established by clear and convincing evidence, given the issue of domestic violence and respondent's failure to address the issue in accordance with service plans over the three years that the children were under court supervision. MCR 5.974(I); *Huisman*, *supra*. As the court noted in its findings, domestic

violence was an issue from the beginning of this case. We find no merit in respondent's argument that because his physical abuse was directed toward the children's mother, rather than the children, his conduct evidenced no harm to the children.

Further, the record does not support respondent's contention that termination was clearly not in the best interests of the children. Despite opportunities for involvement with his children, respondent's contact with them was minimal. The court did not err by refusing to delay permanency for the children, given the extensive history of respondent's noncompliance with service plans. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5), *In re Trejo, supra* at 14, 27.

Affirmed.

/s/ Roman S. Gribbs

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell